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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL GROUP (AUGMENTED)

From: Brig. Gen. Lansdale *SL*

Subject: Operation Mongoose, 4-10 May

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Beach reconnaissance. The Navy carried out its operation successfully 4-5 May. Intelligence of real value for contingency planning was reportedly obtained.

TV. USIA helped in the effective drama "Anatomy of Betrayal: Dateline Cuba," which was televised on the Armstrong Circle Theater last night. USIA advised the writer of the drama, put him in touch with refugees in Miami, and reviewed the script. It is noted that the appearance of Jose MIRO Cardona at the end was particularly effective.

May Day. USIA's follow-up coverage of Havana's May Day celebration included commentary on methods of coercing workers to attend such mass celebrations. Interviews with a Cuban ex-Secretary of Labor and a former transportation worker in Havana were used. The commentary hit on a real Communist vulnerability: coercion.

VOA. The Voice of America continued to devote major emphasis to the sugar harvest fiasco and "salary adjustments" of the sugar cane workers. One interview with Morell Romero, a former Supreme Court Justice, drew heated commentary from Radio Havana for three days following the broadcast.

SIGINT effort. NSA is a major contributor to our current information on Cuba. It has about 50 persons at Fort Meade engaged directly in exploitation analysis and reporting on Cuban communications. Intercept positions assigned to cover Cuban and other Latin American internal high frequency radio communications have been increased from less than

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